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COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION: LEVEL 3 SEX OFFENDER TO BE LIVING NEAR SOAP LAKE

EPHRATA, Wash. (13JUNE2011) — The Grant County Sheriff's Office is notifying the public of the pending release from prison of a Level 3 sex offender. The release of this information is pursuant to RCW 4.24.550. The person described below is not currently wanted for any crime.

KEITH BARRY ROBERTS (DOB 12/10/1971) was convicted in 1997 in Grant County Superior Court on 10 felony counts including: third degree child molestation, third degree rape of a child, two counts of first degree kidnapping, second degree attempted rape, four counts of first degree rape and indecent liberties. At the time of the crimes, ROBERTS was in his early 20s. One of his victims was 16-years-old, the other 17-years-old, both female.

ROBERTS has served the sentence for his offenses. During his time in prison he did not participate in a sex offender treatment program. A risk assessment tool has scored ROBERTS as a Level III sex offender, likely to reoffend. He is scheduled to be released from prison on June 21, 2011.

ROBERTS will be living in the first (00) block of State Route 28 West near Soap Lake, Wash. ROBERTS will be supervised by the Ephrata office of the Washington Department of Corrections for a period of 24 months.

An informed public is a safer public. The Grant County Sheriff's Office is releasing this information pursuant to RCW 4.24.550, which authorizes law enforcement agencies to inform the public of a sex offender's release when the release of information will enhance public safety and protection. The Washington State Legislature has determined that the extent of the public disclosure of relevant and necessary information shall be related to: (a) the level of risk posed by the offender to the community; (b) the location where the offender resides, intends to reside, or is regularly found; and (c) the needs of the affected community members for information to enhance their individual and collective safety.

Sex offenders have always lived in our communities and law enforcement has no legal authority to direct where sex offenders may or may not live. Unless court ordered restrictions exist, an offender is constitutionally free to live wherever he or she chooses. However, the Community Protection Act of 1990 requires that those convicted of sex offenses or kidnapping must register, with the primary legislative intent, "to assist law enforcement agencies' efforts to protect their communities" by providing relevant and necessary information.

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Penalty for harassing, intimidating or threatening sex offenders. Abuse of information provided through the sex offender notification process, in order to intimidate, harass or threaten registered offenders, will result in an investigation and the filing of criminal charges against the perpetrators. Such abuse could potentially end law enforcement's ability to conduct community notifications. The only person who 'wins,' if community notification is halted, is the registered sex offender, as sexual offenders derive their power through secrecy.

For further information on registered sex offenders in Grant County, contact Deputy Jay Atwood at 509-754-2011 ext. 639.

Citizens can stay informed by visiting the OffenderWatch® website, which lists registered sex offenders in Grant County. Go to www.sheriffalerts.com/wa/grant.

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COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION from the Grant County Sheriff's Office

LEVEL 3 SEX OFFENDER

LIVING IN THE FIRST (00) BLOCK OF STATE ROUTE 28 WEST, SOAP LAKE

The person named in this advisory has been convicted of criminal offenses that require registration with the sheriff's office in the county of residence. Further, his previous criminal history places him in a classification level that reflects the potential to re-offend.

THIS PERSON IS NOT CURRENTLY WANTED FOR ANY CRIME



MAY 2011 PHOTO

NAME	KEITH BARRY ROBERTS
ALIASES	KEITH MARTINEZ; KEITH ROBERTS, JR.
DOB	12/10/1971
HEIGHT	5' 8"
WEIGHT	165 LBS.
HAIR COLOR	BLACK
EYE COLOR	BROWN
SEX	MALE
RACE	HISPANIC

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